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#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 2875 of the Business and Professions Code (Code) provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline the holder of a vocational nurse license for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2875) of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act.
- 5. Section 118(b) of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated. Under section 2892.1 of the Code, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within four years after the expiration.
  - 6. Section 2878 of the Code states:

"The Board may suspend or revoke a license issued under this chapter [the Vocational Nursing Practice Act (Bus. & Prof. Code, 2840, et seq.)] for any of the following:

"(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

. . . .

- "(f) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensed vocational nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction."
  - 7. Section 2878.5 of the Code states:

In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [the Vocational Nursing Practice Act] it is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do any of the following:

. . . .

"(b) Use any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, or any dangerous drug as defined in Section 4022, or alcoholic beverages, to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to himself or herself, any other person, or the public, or to the extent that the use impairs his or her ability to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by his or her license.

"(c) Be convicted of a criminal offense involving possession of any narcotic or dangerous drug, or the prescription, consumption, or self-administration of any of the substances described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section, in which event the record of the conviction is conclusive evidence thereof."

- 8. Section 490 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may suspend or revoke a license when it finds that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensed vocational nurse.
  - 9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 2521, states:

"For the purposes of denial, suspension, or revocation of a license pursuant to

Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or
act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a
licensed vocational nurse if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a
licensed vocational nurse to perform the functions authorized by his license in a manner
consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

10. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

## FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Conviction of Substantially Related Crimes)

- 11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2878, subdivision (f) and 490, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 2521, in that Respondent has been convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensed vocational nurse, as follows:
- a. On or about August 20, 2002, Respondent was convicted by the Court on a plea of nolo contendere for violating one count of Penal Code section 417, subdivision (a)(1), a misdemeanor (unlawful use of a deadly weapon), in the Superior Court of California, County of

San Bernardino, San Bernardino Judicial District, Case No. FSB034169 entitled *The People of the State of California v. Michael Keith McQuire*.

- b. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about March 29, 2002, Respondent willfully and unlawfully pointed a .38 caliber revolver at another person during an argument.
- c. On or about November 28, 2001, Respondent was convicted by the Court on a plea of guilty for violating one count of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (a), a misdemeanor (driving a vehicle under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or drug); and one count of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b), a misdemeanor (driving a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of .08 percent or more), in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino Judicial District, Case No. TSB107629 entitled *The People of the State of California v. Michael Keith McQuire*.
- d. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about September 16, 2001, Respondent willfully and unlawfully drove a vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and with a blood alcohol level of .21 percent.

## SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Dangerous Use of Alcohol)

12. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2878, subdivision (a) as defined in section 2878.5, subdivision (b), in that on or about October 25, 2001, Respondent used an alcoholic beverage to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to himself, and the public when he operated a vehicle, while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and a drug and or their combined influence, as set forth in paragraph 11c and 11d above.

#### THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

#### (Conviction Involving Consumption of Alcohol)

13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2878, subdivision (a) as defined in section 2878.5, subdivision (c), in that on or about November 28, 2001, Respondent was convicted of a crime involving the consumption of an alcoholic beverage,

as set forth in paragraphs 11a and 11b above. 1 2 **PRAYER** WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein 3 alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision: 4 Revoking or suspending Vocational Nurse License No. VN 127311, issued 5 to Michael Keith McQuire; 6 7 Ordering Michael Keith McQuire to pay the Board the reasonable costs of 2. the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code 8 section 125.3; Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. 10 3. 11 DATED: August 3, 2007 12 13 14 15 TERESA BELLO-JÓNES, J.D., M.S.N., R.N. Executive Officer Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians 16 State of California 17 Complainant 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 LA2006602084 26 McQurie.wpd 27 jz(Rev.tm7/5/07) 28